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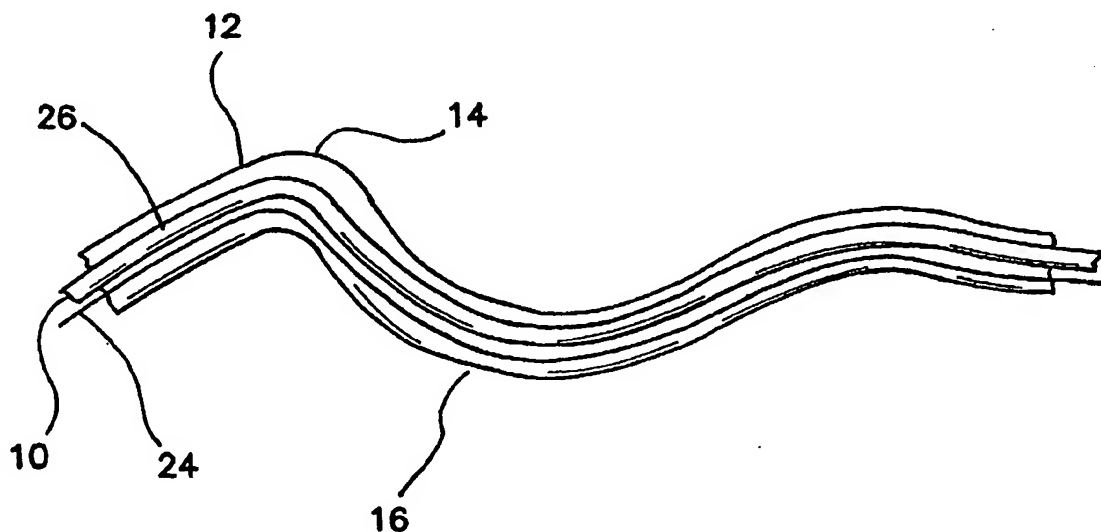
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus for facilitating implantation of a pacemaker lead into the coronary sinus comprises a flexible guidewire; a flexible elongate tool (18) having at least one lumen (20, 22) defined therethrough for telescopic disposition of the flexible guidewire (10); and a straightening wire for telescopic disposition into the elongate tool, the straightening wire (24) for urging the elongate tool into a more straightened shape. In one embodiment the elongate tool includes at least two lumens to allow simultaneous telescopic disposition of the guidewire and straightening wire therein. It is also contemplated that the elongate tool may only have one lumen.

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